

Application No.: 09/913,934
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Remarks/Arguments:

The Official Action advises that claim 4 will be objected to as being a duplicate of claim 3 if claim 3 is found to be allowable. Claims 3 and 4 have both been amended to avoid this possible objection.

Claims 3 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Official Action argues that the specification does not teach that the adhesive is self-curing. A self-curing adhesive, however, is described in the originally filed application at page 10, lines 24 through 26. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sone (U.S. Patent No. 5,432,758) in view of Loctite. It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention, as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a portion of said adhesive layer exposed outside of said magnet
being cured by an UV light irradiation ...

This feature is disclosed in the originally filed application at page 5, lines 18-19. No new matter has been added.

Loctite teaches heat curing a portion of UV curing adhesive that is not irradiated by UV light. Loctite, however, does not teach UV light irradiation of adhesive that is crept out when the materials are bonded together. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

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Applicants' claimed invention as recited by claim 3 includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... a cured UV-curing resin layer covering said case and said magnet, ...

This feature is described on page 10, lines 8-9 and in Fig. 2 where the UV-curing resin 6c covers the top surfaces of the magnet 5 and the frame 1. Neither Sone nor Loctite (or a combination thereof) discloses a cured UV-curing resin layer covering a case and a magnet. As this feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, claim 3 is patentable over the art of record.


In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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